



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Headquarters, 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade
275 Battalion Avenue
Fort Hood, Texas 76544

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Welcome to the 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, the "Lightning" Brigade. The Brigade has two Battalions with four Patriot Batteries that include a Headquarters and Headquarters Battery (HHB) and Maintenance Company. The Brigade has a long and proud history, which includes service in World Wars I and II, Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and most recently in Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Brigade's vision is to be: *A Brigade of professional Soldiers capable of deploying anywhere, at anytime, with little or no notice, in order to provide air and missile defense of critical assets designated by our National Command Authority.* This simple statement gets to the very essence of what the Brigade is all about and how we intend on getting there.

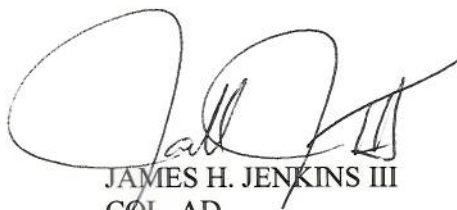
The Fort Hood website is a great place to find current information about Fort Hood. There you will find information pertaining to temporary lodging, school zones and school liaison information for your children and much more. We expect you to use the websites to prepare yourself for arrival to Fort Hood. Our "Lightning Brigade" website can be accessed as well, along with other useful information. There you will find the websites to both of our Battalion's - <http://www.hood.army.mil/69ADA/>.

You will meet the CSM and me at the Fort Hood Newcomers Briefing and during our Brigade New Comers brief. All officers will schedule an office call with me within their first week of arriving to the Brigade. You may call the Brigade Personnel Actions Center at 254-285-5905 for more information. Your unit commander or first sergeant will contact you shortly with specific information on sponsorship. A 69th ADA Brigade S1 clerk will pick you up on your final day of in-processing the installation and complete your arrival process into the Brigade at building 275 on Battalion Avenue.

Your sponsor will contact you soon to answer any questions you may have about your assignment. Please, call your unit commander or first sergeant directly if you have any issues that will prevent you from taking care of yourself and your family. We look forward to serving with you as a member of our great team.

"Lightning Strike!"


TEDD J. PRITCHARD
CSM, USA
Brigade Command Sergeant Major


JAMES H. JENKINS III
COL, AD
Commanding

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are taking this opportunity to thank you for the loyal support and sacrifice you have made on behalf of your spouses, sons, and daughters assigned to the 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade at Fort Hood, Texas. Myself and CSM Pritchard are very impressed with your Soldier's professionalism. We are honored to be in their presence and promise that we will do everything in our power to ensure your Soldier receives the best training, equipment, and leadership the Army has to offer. The responsibility to the nation we as Soldiers have and the responsibility of our loved ones is an awesome one to bear; we will not fail to take care of either.

The leadership of this Brigade is and has been absolutely superb. However, after several years of service to our nation we both understand that from time to time issues and challenges arise that are seemingly insurmountable. In these instances, especially those where the chain of command has been unable to assist, we offer both of our telephone numbers and e-mail addresses;
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and ask that you contact either of us with your concerns.

Please know that my wife Mary and CSM Pritchard's wife Lori along with the Family Readiness Groups are dedicated to the families of our Soldiers and civilians and appreciate the opportunity to be part of this outstanding team.

Respectfully,



*CSM Tedd J. Pritchard
Brigade Command Sergeant Major*



*Colonel James H. Jenkins III
Brigade Commander*